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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES, NDP DEBATES
POLICY STATEMENT

SUMMARY: JUNE 25 SPECIAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION
CALLED TO CONSIDER PRESIDENT' S POLICY STATEMENT HELD
BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY. NDP IS
STILL STUDYING ITS POSITION ON GOVERNMENT' S
FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE.

1. A THREE- DAY SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
CALLED BY PRESIDENT TO CONSIDER NEW ROK POLICY HELD
BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY JUNE 25. PRIME MINISTER WILL
REPORT TO ASSEMBLY AND SUBMIT TO INTERPELLATION ON
SECOND DAY OF SESSION. GOVERNMENT PARTY PRESSING FOR
ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT' S NEW
POLICY AT FINAL MEETING.

2. AFTER LENGTHY DELIBERATIONS SATURDAY AFTERNOON
AND SUNDAY, NDP IS STILL STUDYING ITS POSITION ON NEW
ROK FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE. PRESS AND RADION NEWS
REPORTS YU CHIN- SAN GROUP FAVORS ACCEPTING NEW POLICY
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BUT SMALL GROUP HEADED BY CHONG IL- HYONG REPORTED
RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT NEW INITIATIVE AS BEING TOO CLOSE TO
" TWO KOREAS".

3. SEVERAL NDP LEADERS HAVE MADE INDIVIDUAL STATE-
MENTS TO PRESS ENDORSING NEW INITIATIVE. NDP
ASSEMBLY VICE SPEAKER YI CHOL- SUNG STATED PRESIDENT' S
DECISION " INEVITABLE". PARTY' S FLOOR LEADER LEE MIN
WOO SAID NEW POLICY TIMELY AND " IN ACCORD WITH NDP
POLICY". KIM YONG- SAM QUOTED AS SAYING DECISION SHOULD
HAVE COME EARLIER AND REFLECTS GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION
OF REALITY.

4. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, ONE NDP ASSEMBLYMAN
SAID NDP WILL ENDORSE NEW FOREIGN POLICY " IN PRINCIPLE"
SINCE IT COMES SO CLOSE TO WHAT MANY IN OPPOSITION
LEADERSHIP HAVE ADVOCATED THEMSELVES. HOWEVER, HE
SAID THERE MAY BE SOME " OBJECTIONS" TO VARIOUS ASPECTS
OF POLICY RAISED DURING INTERPELLATION.

5. GOSSIP COLUMNS IN AFTERNOON JUNE 25 PRESS REPORT
POSITIONS OF VARIOUS OPPOSITION FIGURES INCLUDING ONE
FIRST TERM CHOLLA ASSEMBLYMAN WHO IS CALLING FOR PRIME
MINISTER TO RESIGN TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE OF
FORMER ROK POLICIES WHICH RESULTED IN NEW INITIATIVE.
ACCORDING PRESS, ESSENCE OF INTRA- NDP DEBATE OVER NEW
POLICY APPARENTLY INVOLVES IN GOOD PART WHETHER PARTY
SHOULD PRESS FOR GOVERNMENT CONCESSIONS IN DOMESTIC
AREA AS QUID QUO PRO FOR FIRM SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT' S
NEW FOREIGN POLICY.
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